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1. At present the Smersh Section of the MVD must decide which among SMA Personnel in Berlin are "politically unreliable" and effect their rapid return to the Soviet Union proper. It is expected that this purge will be expanded to include SMA personnel in the entire Russian Occupied Zone of Germany.
2. Certain national groups of SMA members fall automatically into this category of unreliaables. All persons, for instance, who were citizens or inhabitants of former border states to the east of Germany (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Poland) in 1939/40 are subject to immediate shipment to Russia. The only exceptions to this rule are members of the Communist Party.
3. In order to arrange the safe transportation of such persons back into Russia, the following two escape-thwarting precautions are used: either the politically unreliable person receives an order directly from the cadre section of his unit to present himself within twenty-four hours at the Schlesischen Bahnhof and to report at a specific place inside Russia, or the person in question is detached to a unit returning to Russia and put under surveillance during the entire trip. The latter system is coming into greater and greater use since it affords no chance of escape. Departure follows immediately after the individual has been told that he will be detached to another unit.

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